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SUBJ: INTERVIEW REQUEST AMBASSADOR STABLER

IGNACIO CARRION HERNANDEZ, NEWS EDITOR AND ROVING
CORRESPONDENT FOR WEEKLY NEWS AND PICTORIAL MAGAZINE
"BLANCO Y NEGRO", REQUESTS NON-POLITICAL, HUMAN-INTEREST
INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR STABLER AND FAMILY IN WASHINGTON
ASAP. INTERVIEW WOULD BE PUBLISHED PRIOR AMBASSADOR'S
ARRIVAL MADRID. CARRION WOULD TRAVEL WASHINGTON AT
MAGAZINE'S EXPENSE FOR INTERVIEW AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSIONS
WITH AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS FAMILY, PREFERABLY USING
AMBASSADOR'S HOME AS SETTING. INTERVIEWED WOULD CONCENTRATE
EXCLUSIVELY ON PORTRAYING HUMAN SIDE OF AMBASSADOR AND
FAMILY.

CARRION, WHO TRAVELS WIDELY FOR MAGAZINE, HAS BECOME
SPECIALIST HUMAN INTEREST INTERVIEWS, AND CARRIES THEM
OFF MORE SKILLFULLY AND CREDIBLY THAN DO MOST LOCAL
NEWSMEN. HE WAS FIRST SPANISH JOURNALIST TO INTERVIEW
PRESIDENT ARIAS EXCLUSIVELY AFTER HIS APPOINTMENT,
FOCUSSING ON ARIAS THE MAN. ARTICLE HEAVILY ILLUSTRATED
WITH ATTRACTIVE PHOTOS ARIAS AND WIFE IN THEIR SUBURBAN
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MADRID HOME. CARRION ALSO TRAVELED U.S. LAST SUMMER ON

IVP GRANT, RECOMMENDED BY INFORMATION OFFICER. HE MAINTAINS CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE CONTACT WITH USIS AND WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED AS RELIABLE REPORTER. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH FAMILIARLY WELL, HAVING STUDIED AT OXFORD IN 1968 AND SERVED AS EFE CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON 1968-69. ALSO STUDIED AT UNIVERSITIES IN BELGIUM AND ITALY AS WELL AS VALENCIA AND JOURNALISM SCHOOL MADRID. 37 YEARS OLD. "BLANCO Y NEGRO" FORMS PART OF PRENSA ESPANOLA, SPAIN'S LARGEST EDITORIAL ENTERPRISE, ALSO OWNERS OF "ABC", TRADITIONALLY MADRID'S AND SPAIN'S MOST INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPER. "BLANCO Y NEGRO" DIRECTOR IS GUILLERMO LUCA DE TENA, SON OF "ABC" FOUNDER AND MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY. WHILE "ABC" POLITICALLY MONARCHIST, "BLANCO Y NEGRO" GENERALLY HAS NEUTRAL IMAGE, WITH A CIRCULATION OF 75,000 REACHING MIDDLE CLASS AND ABOVE. EXCERPTS FROM INTERVIEW WOULD LIKELY BE PICKED UP AND PUBLISHED BY NEWS AGENCIES AND NEWSPAPERS, CREATING MULTIPLIER EFFECT BEYOND MAGAZINE'S MEDIUM-SIZED CIRCULATION. EMBASSY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO CARRION'S REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW. ADVISE ASAP, INCLUDING DATE, TIME AND PLACE, SHOULD AMBASSADOR AGREE TO GRANT INTERVIEW.

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